

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In this Amendment, Applicants have cancelled non-method claims 16-37 from further consideration in this application. Applicants are not conceding that the subject matter encompassed by claims prior to this Amendment is not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner. Claims were cancelled in this Amendment solely to facilitate expeditious prosecution of the pending claims. Applicant respectfully reserves the right to pursue claims, including the subject matter encompassed by claims, as presented prior to this Amendment and additional claims in one or more continuing applications.

The Examiner allowed claims 1-15.

The rejections of claims 16-37 under 35 U.S.C. §§101 and 112, par. 1 are rendered moot because Applicants have canceled these claims.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that the pending claims 1-15 are patentable. Should any additional fees be required beyond those paid, please charge Deposit Account No. 09-0449.

The attorney of record invites the Examiner to contact him at (310) 553-7977 if the Examiner believes such contact would advance the prosecution of the case.

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